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" (b) (1) Construction of an anicut across the Siruvani (2) Construction of a reservoir across the Varagar. As the streams are tributaries of the Bhavani river, the proposals have been deferred till it could be established that adequate supply would be available for the schemes without affecting the interests of the Lower Bhavani Project nearing completion."

Leasing out of waste lands in Kuthali Nayar's Estate. North Malabar.

* 1064 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land in Kuthali Nayar's Estate, North Malabar which is under litigation;

(*b*) what, if any, is the extent of wet lands included in the subject-matter of litigation;

(*c*) the conditions under which the Government lease out wet lands and waste lands included in the estate for cultivation;

(*d*) whether the Government have any scheme to bring under cultivation, waste lands included in the estate;

(*e*) whether any applications have been received for permission to cultivate waste lands included in the estate from persons of the locality; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The title and ownership of the Pillapperuvanna Malavaram is in dispute. This is an unsurveyed forest area measuring roughly about 30,000 acres in extent.

" (*b*) No wet land as such is included in the subject-matter of litigation.

" (*c*) Lands under the Estate are granted under two kinds of leases—

(1) Lease on permanent tenure fixing a period of five years at a time; and

(2) Annual lease on temporary permits.

Lands other than forests are leased out on permanent tenure on executing indenture deeds renewable every five years. Annual leases are granted on temporary permits only in respect of lands in Vallippetta Melavaram. These temporary grants are charged at a flat rate of Rs. 5-12-0 per acre in respect of lands fit for cultivation of wet crops and at Rs. 2-4-0 per acre for other lands. The varam rent fixed is inclusive of assessment and cesses.

" (*d*) The intention of the Government is to grant the waste lands in Vallippetta Malavaram permanently to *bona fide* cultivators. This question is kept in abeyance pending finalizaton of the survey of the area.

" (*e*) Yes, Sir.

" (*f*) The matter is under consideration."